

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 9.0 million pounds for 1998, an increase of 4.1 million pounds from 1997. This crop was the largest since 1993. The value of all production rose from \$1.51 million in 1997 to \$2.56 million in 1998. While prices rose slightly from 26.1 cents to 28.4 cents, the increase in fresh utilization from 4.9 million to 9.0 million pounds accounted for most of the value increase. Prices averaged 28.4 cents per pound, the second highest price on record. U.S. utilized apple production totaled 10.5 billion pounds for 1998, up 2 percent from 1997 and the largest since 1994. Average price per pound received by farmers decreased from 15.4 cents in 1997 to 12.3 cents in 1998, a 20 percent decrease.

Utilized peach production in Kentucky totaled 1.5 million pounds for 1998. Peach prices at 37.5 cents were up from 1997's 30.0 cents, but below the record high of 62.3 cents in 1996. Value of all utilized 1998 production totaled \$563,000, up 375 percent from a very poor crop in 1997 with a value of \$150,000. The 1998 drought-reduced crop was three times larger than the 1996 and 1997 crops, but far from the large crop anticipated early in the year. Tree numbers continued to decrease as producers continued to reduce peach acres in response to the poor financial return. U.S. utilized peach production totaled 2.35 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 2.51 billion pound crop of 1997. The average price per pound was 18.9 cents compared to 17.7 cents in 1997, a 7 percent increase.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1989 - 1998

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1989	10.0	20.0	2.0	160.00	12.0	18.0	2,160
1990	7.0	22.0	1.0	200.00	8.0	20.5	1,640
1991	15.0	23.0	1.0	160.00	16.0	22.1	3,530
1992	14.0	23.0	1.0	220.00	15.0	22.2	3,330
1993	16.0	21.0	2.0	140.00	18.0	19.4	3,500
1994	5.8	23.0	0.7	200.00	6.5	21.6	1,404
1995	8.7 <u>1/</u>	27.8	1.4 <u>1/</u>	224.00	10.1 <u>1/</u>	25.5	2,576 <u>1/</u>
1996	8.5 <u>1/</u>	32.4	1.1 <u>1/</u>	510.00	9.6 <u>1/</u>	31.6	3,035 <u>1/</u>
1997	4.9 <u>1/</u>	27.0	0.9 <u>1/</u>	420.00	5.8 <u>1/</u>	26.1 <u>1/</u>	1,512 <u>1/</u>
1998	9.0	28.4	0.0	0.00	9.0	28.4	2,556

1/ Revised.

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1989 - 1998

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1989	2.0	37.6	-	-	2.0	37.6	752
1990	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	-	-	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
1991	3.7	35.0	-	-	3.7	35.0	1,295
1992	3.7	29.0	-	-	3.7	29.0	1,073
1993	5.6	30.0	-	-	5.6	30.0	1,680
1994	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	-	-	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
1995	3.9 <u>2/</u>	32.2	-	-	3.9 <u>2/</u>	32.2	1,256 <u>2/</u>
1996	0.4 <u>2/</u>	62.3	-	-	0.4 <u>2/</u>	62.3	249 <u>2/</u>
1997	0.5 <u>2/</u>	30.0 <u>2/</u>	-	-	0.5 <u>2/</u>	30.0 <u>2/</u>	150 <u>2/</u>
1998	1.5	37.5	-	-	1.5	37.5	563

1/ No significant commercial production due to freeze. 2/ Revised.